

ARKANSAS FARM REPORT

CATTLE INVENTORY MILK PRODUCTION



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This report contains the survey results of the July 1 Cattle, and July 1 Milk Production Surveys conducted during the first half of June and July 2004. For the Cattle & Calves the state level estimates are published for 11 major cattle operation states only, and the Arkansas data are included in the U.S. total. More detailed reports for both surveys are posted separately on the NASS website at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for the surveys.

U. S. JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2004, totaled 103.6 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million head, were slightly below July 1, 2003; beef cows were down slightly and milk cows were down 1 percent.

The 2004 calf crop is expected to be 37.7 million head, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 27.5 million head, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002.

U. S. CATTLE INVENTORY BY CLASS, JULY 1, 2002 - 2004

Class	JULY 1			% Change 2003-2004
	2002	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	105,100	103,900	103,600	0
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,900	42,700	42,500	0
Beef Cows That Have Calved	33,750	33,600	33,500	0
Milk Cows That Have Calved	9,150	9,100	9,000	-1
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,200	15,900	15,950	0
Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	4,600	4,600	4,800	+4
Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	3,700	3,600	3,600	0
Other Heifers	7,900	7,700	7,550	-2
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,500	14,200	14,200	0
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,100	2,100	2,050	-2
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	29,400	29,000	28,900	0
Cattle on Feed	12,500	11,810	11,800	0

CALF CROP: NUMBER AND PERCENT OF TOTAL BY SIX-MONTH PERIOD AND ANNUAL TOTAL

Period	2002		2003		2004 (Preliminary)	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
January 1 - June 30	27,900	73.0	27,700	73.1	27,500	72.9
July 1 - December 31	10,324	27.0	10,203	26.9	10,200	27.1
TOTAL	38,224	100.0	37,903	100.0	37,700	100.0

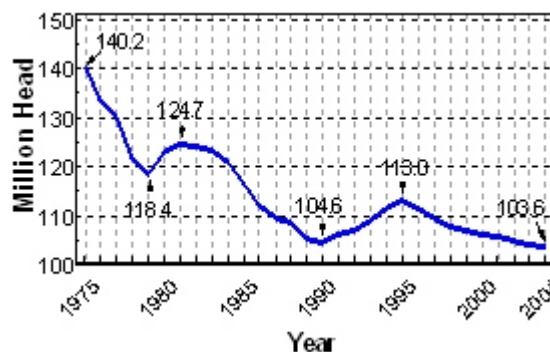
U. S. BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30

Item	2002	2003	2004 ¹
	<i>Million Head</i>		
January 1 Inventory	96.7	96.1	94.9
Calf Crop and Imports	29.1	28.7	28.1
Total Supply ²	125.8	124.8	123.0
Slaughter	18.1	18.4	16.9
Deaths and Exports	2.5	2.4	2.4
Total Disappearance ²	20.7	20.9	19.3
Residual ²	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
July 1 Inventory	105.1	103.9	103.6

¹ Preliminary.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

U. S. CATTLE INVENTORY, JULY 1, 1975-2004



SECOND QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION AND MILK COWS DOWN

ARKANSAS Milk production during the April-June 2004 quarter totaled 86 million pounds, 11 percent below the 97 million pounds produced during the same period in 2003.

The average number of **milk cows** on farms during the April-June period was estimated at 27,000 head, down 7 percent from the 29,000 head for the same quarter a year earlier.

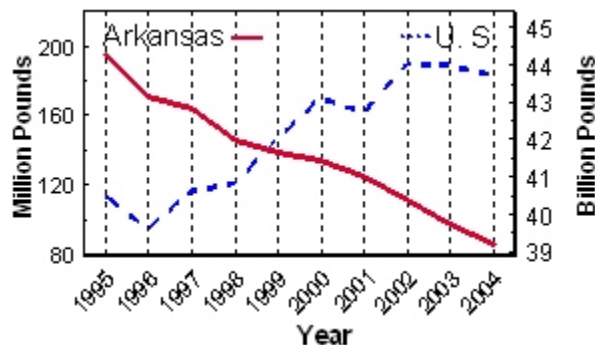
QUARTERLY MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, 2002-2004, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

Item/ Quarter	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.
MILK COWS¹							
April-June	Thousand Head	29	27	-7	9,109	8,997	-1
January-March	Thousand Head	30	27	-10	9,144	8,990	-2
MILK PRODUCTION²							
April-June	Million Pounds	97	86	-11	43,965	43,702	-1
January-March	Million Pounds	96	87	-9	43,069	42,701	-1
Item/Previous Quarter	Unit	2002	2003	% Chg.	2002	2003	% Chg.
MILK COWS¹							
October-December	Thousand Head	31	28	-10	9,142	9,011	-1
July-September	Thousand Head	32	28	-12	9,154	9,073	-1
MILK PRODUCTION²							
October-December	Million Pounds	87	80	-8	41,643	41,532	0
July-September	Million Pounds	88	79	-10	41,846	41,746	0

¹Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

²Excludes milk nursed by calves.

**Milk Production, April-June Quarter
Arkansas and U. S., 1995-2004**



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